



PICTURE BOOKS

Great for sharing aloud!

Alphabet Under Construction

by Denise Fleming

With tools and talent, Mouse constructs large colorful letters from A to Z. *Holt, 2002*

Anansi and the Talking Melon

retold by Eric A. Kimmel • illustrated by Janet Stevens

Everyone's favorite clever spider is up to new tricks. *Holiday House, 1995*

Chicken Little

by Rebecca and Ed Emberley

A clever fox and a group of zany, gullible fowl bring hilarity to this traditional tale. *Roaring Brook, 2009*

City Dog, Country Frog

by Mo Willems • illustrated by Jon J. Muth

Two unlikely friends celebrate the seasons in this special, bittersweet year. *Hyperion, 2010*

Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus!

by Mo Willems

Pigeon can be very persuasive... but you're in charge! *Hyperion, 2003*

Duck! Rabbit!

by Amy Krouse Rosenthal and Tom Lichtenheld

Is it a duck---or a rabbit? You decide! *Chronicle, 2009*

First Day Jitters

by Julie Danneberg • illustrated by Judy Love

The first day of school can be exciting and even a little scary—but always full of surprises!

Whispering Coyote, 2000

Flossie and the Fox

by Patricia C. McKissack • illustrated by Rachel Isadora

A wily fox, notorious for stealing eggs, meets his match when he encounters a bold little girl in the woods. *Dial, 1986*

The Great Big Book of Families

by Mary Hoffman • illustrated by Ros Asquith

A celebration of families of all kinds. *Dial, 2011*

The Gruffalo

by Julia Donaldson • illustrated by Axel Scheffler

There's no such thing as a gruffalo! Or is there? *Dial, 1999*

Grumpy Bird

by Jeremy Tankard

Feeling too grumpy to fly, Bird begins to walk. How long will his bad mood last? *Scholastic, 2007*



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Guji Guji

by Chih-Yuan Chen

A small crocodile raised by ducks has his loyalty tested when the big crocs come to town. *Kane Miller, 2004*

Harry, the Dirty Dog

by Gene Zion • illustrated by Margaret Bloy Graham

How does Harry change from a white dog with black spots to a black dog with white spots? *Harper, 1956*

I Will Never Not Ever Eat a Tomato

by Lauren Child

Charlie and Lola come to terms with their vegetables. *Candlewick, 2000*

It's Okay to be Different

by Todd Parr

There are many different ways to be—and it's all okay! *Little Brown, 2009*

King & King

by Linda de Haan and Stern Nijland

The queen wants the prince to marry, but he must choose for himself. *Tricycle, 2003*

Library Lion

by Michelle Knudsen • illustrated by Kevin Hawkes

What happens when a lion starts visiting the library? *Candlewick, 2009*

The Lion and the Mouse

by Jerry Pinkney

Lend a paw to this wordless re-telling of Aesop's fable. *Little Brown, 2009*

Llama, Llama Red Pajama

by Anna Dewdney

How will little llama ever get to sleep? *Viking, 2005*

Monkey: A Trickster Tale from India

by Gerald McDermott

Monkey wants to eat mangoes—but crocodile wants to eat Monkey. *Harcourt, 2011*

Piggy and Dad Go Fishing

by David Martin • illustrated by Frank Remkiewicz

Piggy and Dad want to catch a fish dinner, but then they have second thoughts. *Candlewick, 2005*

Press Here

by Hervé Tullet

These pages have a life of their own! Just press the yellow dot... *Chronicle, 2011*

A Sick Day for Amos McGee

by Philip C. Stead • illustrated by Erin E. Stead

When reliable Zookeeper Amos McGee doesn't show one day, the animals take matters into their own hands. *Roaring Brook, 2010*

The Snowy Day

by Ezra Jack Keats

Share the excitement and wonder of a perfect winter day. *Viking, 1962*

This Little Light of Mine

illustrated by Earl B. Lewis

This traditional spiritual complements the highlights of a young boy's day. *Simon & Schuster, 2005*

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BEGINNING READERS

Books to read on your own!

The Bookstore Burglar

by Barbara Maitland • illustrated by
Nadine Bernard Westcott

Only a ghost can save the Black Cat Bookstore from
a robber. *Dutton, 2001*

The Dinosaurs Meet Dr. Clock

by Martha Weston

A scientist's time machine gets him in lots of
trouble. *Holiday House, 2002*

Dodsworth in New York

by Tim Egan

Dodsworth and a crazy duck have some silly
adventures in the big city. *Houghton Mifflin, 2007*

Frog and Toad are Friends

by Arnold Lobel

Best friends don't have to agree on everything.
Harper & Row, 1979

Go, Dog. Go!

by P. D. Eastman

Big dogs and little dogs—and one dog who has
fancy hats—are all on their way to a big dog party!
Random House, 1966

Good Night, Good Knight

by Shelley Moore Thomas • illustrated by
Jennifer Plecas

A knight in armor must deal with three dragons at
bedtime. *Penguin, 2002*

Green Eggs and Ham

by Dr. Seuss

Do you like them in a box, or with a fox, or in a
boat, or with a goat? *Random House, 1960*

Hi! Fly Guy

by Tedd Arnold

Buzz is a boy who needs a pet. Fly Guy is a fly who
needs a friend. *Scholastic, 2005*

I Want My Hat Back

by Jon Klassen

Has anyone seen Bear's hat? *Candlewick, 2011*

Ling & Ting: Not Exactly the Same!

by Grace Lin

Twin sisters get haircuts, borrow library books, and
make dumplings—each in her own way.
Little Brown Books for Young Readers, 2010



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Luke on the Loose

by Harry Bliss

Luke is chasing the pigeons, and everyone else is chasing Luke! *Toon Books, 2009*

Magic Secrets

by Rose Wyler and Gerald Ames • illustrated by Arthur Dorros

You can make a pencil bend or make a penny disappear when you learn these neat tricks. *Harper Collins, 1991*

Mr. Putter and Tabby Pour the Tea

by Cynthia Rylant • illustrated by Arthur Howard
Old Mr. Putter is tired of having tea all by himself. *Harcourt, 1994*

Nina, Nina, Star Ballerina

by Jane O'Connor • illustrated by DyAnne DiSalvo-Ryan

Nina needs to explain to her friends that she is not really the star of the show. *Grosset & Dunlap, 1994*

Pink Snow and Other Weird Weather

by Jennifer Dussling • illustrated by Heidi Petach
Have you ever seen snails falling from the sky? Real weather can be really weird! *Grosset & Dunlap, 1993*

A Polar Bear Can Swim

by Harriet Ziefert • illustrated by Emily Bolam
A hummingbird can fly backward! Find out what eight different animals can and cannot do. *Penguin, 1998*

Porky and Bess

by Ellen Weiss • illustrated by Marsha Winborn
Bess the cat likes things neat, but her best friend Porky likes a mess. *Random House, 2010*

Riddles and More Riddles

by Bennett Cerf • illustrated by Debbie Palen
What dog has no tail? A hot dog! This book is full of silly questions and silly answers. *Random House, 1999*

Robert the Rose Horse

by Joan Heilbroner • illustrated by P. D. Eastman
It's hard for a horse to get a job when roses make him sneeze. *Random House, 1962*

Up! Tall! and High!

by Ethan Long
Three birds. Three stories. *Putnam Juvenile, 2012*

Watch Out For Jabba the Hutt!

by Simon Beecroft
Jedi warriors Anakin and Ahsoka do not trust Jabba the Hutt. *Dorling Kindersley, 2008*

We Are in a Book! (An Elephant and Piggie Book)

by Mo Willems
Elephant and Piggie just found out that you're reading a book about them. *Hyperion, 2010*

What a Trip, Amber Brown

by Paula Danziger • illustrated by Tony Ross
Amber's family and Justin's family are all going camping together. *Penguin, 2001*

Why Do Snakes Hiss?

by Joan Holub • illustrated by Anna DiVito
Learn how snakes and other reptiles move, eat, hide and hunt. *Dial, 2004*

You Read to Me, I'll Read to You: Very Short Stories to Read Together

by Mary Ann Hoberman • illustrated by Michael Emberley
Reading books is twice as fun when done by two instead of one! *Little Brown Books for Young Readers, 2001*

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FIRST CHAPTER BOOKS

Beyond beginning readers!

Alvin Ho: Allergic to Girls, School, and Other Scary Things

by Lenore Look • illustrated by LeUyen Pham

Alvin Ho is scared of EVERYTHING. He's so scared of school that he doesn't talk while he's there, but that doesn't stop him from thinking up new ways to make friends. First in a series. *Schwartz & Wade, 2008*

Anna Hibiscus

by Atinuke • illustrated by Lauren Tobia

Anna Hibiscus loves living with her big, happy family in Africa. There's just one thing missing – SNOW. First in a series. *Kane/Miller, 2010*

Babymouse: Queen of the World

by Jennifer Holm and Matthew Holm

In this graphic novel, Babymouse craves excitement, adventure, glamour, and an invitation to Felicia Furrypaws' slumber party. First in a series. *Random House, 2005*

Bunnicula: A Rabbit-Tale of Mystery

by Deborah and James Howe • illustrated by Alan Daniel

Harold the dog tells the story of Bunnicula, a rabbit who might be a vampire. First in a series. *Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 1979*

Clementine

by Sara Pennypacker • illustrated by Marla Frazee

Clementine is smart and creative, but sometimes things don't go the way she plans. First in a series. *Hyperion Books for Children, 2006*

EllRay Jakes Is NOT A Chicken!

by Sally Warner • illustrated by Jamie Harper

EllRay Jakes needs to stay out of trouble for just one week to earn a trip to Disneyland. First in a series. *Viking Juvenile, 2011*

Fantastic Mr. Fox

by Roald Dahl • illustrated by Quentin Blake

Who would dare steal food from Boggis, Bunce and Bean? Mr. Fox! Find out how he outfoxes the meanest farmers around. *Knopf, 1970*

The Fantastic Undersea Life of Jacques Cousteau

by Dan Yaccarino

"The best way to observe a fish is to become a fish," said Jacques Cousteau. Read about his life and his underwater explorations. *Knopf, 2009*



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Fenway Foul-Up (Ballpark Mysteries)

by David A. Kelly • illustrated by Mark Meyers

Cousins Mike and Kate are watching the Red Sox take batting practice when star player Big D's bat is stolen. Can they find the bat and solve the mystery? First in a series. *Random House, 2011*

Frogs

by Nic Bishop

Nic Bishop's amazing photographs give you an up-close and personal view of frogs from around the world. *Scholastic, 2008*

The Golden Ghost

by Marion Dane Bauer • illustrated by Peter Ferguson

Do you believe in ghosts? What about ghosts who are dogs? Delsie didn't either, until one fateful day. *Random House, 2011*

Have a Hot Time, Hades! (Myth-O-Mania)

by Kate McMullan

You only *think* you know about the Greek gods. Hades will tell you the real story. *Stone Arch Books, 2011*

How to Train Your Dragon

by Cressida Cowell

Hiccup isn't big or courageous. Can he train a dragon and save his village? First in a series. *Little Brown, 2004*

The Lemonade War

by Jacqueline Davies

At the end of the summer, siblings Evan and Jessie battle to see who can earn more money selling lemonade. First in a series. *Houghton Mifflin, 2007*

Mirror, Mirror: A Book of Reversible Verse

by Marilyn Singer • illustrated by Josee Masse

A collection of fairy-tale inspired poems that mean one thing when read from top to bottom and something totally different when read from bottom to top. *Dutton, 2010*

A Nation's Hope: The Story of Boxing Legend Joe Louis

by Matt De La Pena • illustrated by Kadir Nelson

In 1938, African American Heavyweight Champion Joe Louis brought Black and White Americans together when he fought Max Schmeling, a boxer from Nazi Germany. *Dial, 2011*

Once I Ate a Pie

by Patricia MacLachlan and Emily MacLachlan Charest • illustrated by Katy Schneider

Poems about thirteen dogs with a variety of personalities. *Harper Collins, 2010*

Ottoline Goes To School

by Chris Riddell

When Ottoline goes to the Alice B. Smith School for the Differently Gifted, she has two mysteries to solve: What is her gift? And is the school really haunted? *Harper Collins, 2009*

Owly, Volume I: The Way Home & The Bittersweet Summer

by Andy Runton

In this pair of graphic novels, Owly rescues Wormy from a rain puddle, becomes friends with lightning bugs, and sets out on a cross country trek. First in a series. *Top Shelf, 2004*

So You Want to be an Explorer?

by Judith St. George • illustrated by David Small

Discover the tales of over 50 explorers and their adventures. *Philomel Books, 2005*

Spaceheadz

by Jon Scieszka with Francesco Sedita • illustrated by Shane Prigmore

Being the new kid is bad enough; it's even more awkward if your only friends claim to be aliens. Will Matthew make it through the school year? First in a series. *Simon & Schuster, 2010*

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CHAPTER BOOKS

Fiction, graphic novels, & more!

FICTION

Candymakers

by Wendy Mass

Four 12-year-old kids find themselves in a candy factory competition that's not so sweet. *Little Brown, 2010*

City of Ember

by Jeanne DuPrau

A mysterious message may lead Lina and Doon out of the decaying City of Ember. *Random House, 2003*

A Crooked Kind of Perfect

by Linda Urban

The Perfectone D-60 electric organ crushed Zoe's dreams of Carnegie Hall and changed her life forever. *Harcourt, 2007*

Crunch

by Leslie Conner

When the country suddenly runs out of gasoline, Dewey and his siblings must run the family's busy bicycle business—without their parents! *Katherine Tegen Books, 2010*

Fablehaven

by Brandon Mull • illustrated by Brandon Dorman

Fablehaven, a secret preserve for magical beings, is meant to be a place where creatures live in peace. It's not. *Shadow Mountain, 2006*

Fairest

by Gail Carson Levine

It takes two qualities to be the fairest in this kingdom—beauty and a great singing voice. The new queen only has one; Aza has the other. *Harper Collins, 2006*

Gregor the Overlander

by Suzanne Collins

When Gregor falls into a hole in his basement laundry room, he finds himself fulfilling a prophecy in an underground city. *Scholastic, 2003*

Guys Read: Funny Business

Edited by Jon Scieszka • illustrated by Adam Rex

Ten stories of guy humor guaranteed to crack up any gender. *Harper Collins, 2010*

The Invention of Hugo Cabret: A Novel in Words and Pictures

by Brian Selznick

Amazing illustrations help tell the story of orphan Hugo and his secret mechanical man. *Scholastic, 2007*



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Island of the Aunts

by Eva Ibbotson

How do three sweet old ladies recruit help caring for their magical island? They kidnap some children. *Dutton, 2000*

Masterpiece

by Elise Broach • illustrated by Kelly Murphy

Sometimes a beetle living in your house will change your life forever. *Holt, 2008*

The Mysterious Benedict Society

by Trenton Lee Stewart • illustrated by Carson Ellis

Many will be tested, only four will be chosen. *Little Brown, 2007*

Ranger's Apprentice: The Ruins of Gorlan

by John Flanagan

A dangerous lord is out for revenge, and newly apprenticed ranger Will must use his newfound skills to help protect the kingdom. *Philomel, 2005*

Sisters Grimm: The Fairy Tale Detectives

by Michael Buckley • illustrated by Peter Ferguson

It doesn't take Sebrina and Daphne long to realize the town of Ferryport Landing has some very unusual and magical residents. *Amulet, 2005*

Swindle

by Gordon Korman

Swindled into selling a priceless baseball card for a fraction of its worth, Griffin's got a plan for taking it back! *Scholastic, 2007*

A Tale Dark and Grimm

by Adam Gidwitz

You think you know Hansel and Gretel? Think again... *Dutton, 2010*

GRAPHIC NOVELS

Amulet: The Stonekeeper

by Kazu Kibuishi

After their mother is kidnapped by a tentacled monster, Emily and Navin find help from strange creatures and a magical amulet. *Graphix, 2008*

Knights of the Lunch Table: The Dodgeball Chronicles

by Frank Cammuso

Arthur King probably shouldn't have lied about his dodgeball skills. *Graphix, 2008*

Smile

by Raina Telgemeier

Raina tells the horrifyingly funny story of her journey through years of orthodontics. *Graphix, 2010*

NON-FICTION

Cars on Mars: Roving the Red Planet

by Alexandra Siy

True story: In 2004, we sent two robots to Mars to explore for 90 days. Five years later, they were still going. *Charlesbridge, 2009*

Knucklehead: Tall Tales and Mostly True Stories of Growing Up Scieszka

by Jon Scieszka

Before becoming an outrageous writer, Jon Scieszka was an outrageous boy. This is his unbelievable story. *Viking, 2008*

Top Secret: A Handbook of Codes, Ciphers, and Secret Writing

by Paul B. Janeczko • illustrated by Jenna LaReau

Learn how to decipher, create, and solve secret messages and ciphers! *Candlewick Press, 2004*

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MIDDLE SCHOOLERS

Don't miss these page-turners!

8th Grade Superzero

by Olugbemisola Rhuday-Perkovich

The school year starts with Reggie barfing on stage in front of everyone. How could it possibly get worse? *Arthur A. Levine, 2010*

Akata Witch

by Nnedi Okorafor

When Sunny discovers powers that have been passed through her family, things start to make sense—and get exciting. *Viking, 2011*

The Alchemyst (The Secrets of the Immortal Nicholas Flamel)

by Michael Scott

A mysterious book. Secret formulas. Everlasting life. Two siblings find themselves caught up in a battle between good and evil. *Delacorte Press, 2007*

The Big Crunch

by Pete Hautman

This sweet, realistic love story tells the tale of two teens who are both figuring out who they are. *Scholastic, 2011*

The Cardturner

by Louis Sachar

When asked to be a cardturner for his wealthy uncle, Alton learns about a lot more than bridge. *Delacorte, 2010*

Everlost

by Neal Shusterman

Caught between the world of the living and the dead, Nick and Allie keep moving to survive in this fast-paced adventure. *Simon & Schuster, 2006*

Fever Crumb

by Philip Reeve

In a dark, future London full of bizarre inventions, a young girl has memories that are not her own. *Scholastic, 2010*

Girl at Sea

by Maureen Johnson

When Clio's unpredictable father takes her on a sailing expedition, romance and adventure ensue. *Harper Teen, 2007*

Graceling

by Kristin Cashore

Katsa, a girl assassin, meets her match and sets out to save the kingdom. *Harcourt, 2008*



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H.I.V.E.: Higher Institute of Villainous Education

by Mark Walden

A group of kids that have been hand-selected to be the next Supervillains try to start a revolution. *Simon & Schuster, 2008*

I'll Be There

by Holly Goldberg Sloan

Two damaged boys meet a family that might change their lives. *Little Brown, 2011*

The Knife of Never Letting Go

by Patrick Ness

The last boy and the only girl on a woman-less planet set off to find some answers. *Candlewick, 2008*

Lost and Found

by Shaun Tan

The talented Shaun Tan weaves three short illustrated tales. *Arthur A. Levine Books, 2011*

Lost in the River of Grass

by Ginny Rorby

Separated from their school group in the Florida Everglades, two teens have to find their way back to civilization. *Carolrhoda, 2011*

The Maze Runner

by James Dashner

Thomas wakes up in a center of a maze and must figure out how to escape in this dark adventure. *Delacorte, 2009*

Middle School is Worse than Meatloaf

by Jennifer Holm

The story of a girl's 7th grade year told through her things: notes, lists, schedules, receipts, and more. *Atheneum, 2007*

Schooled

by Gordan Korman

A boy who has been raised on a secluded farm commune is thrust into a busy middle school. *Hyperion, 2007*

Shiver

by Maggie Stiefvater

Grace's intense interest in the wolves in her backyard takes an unexpected turn in this paranormal romance. *Scholastic, 2009*

Teashop Girls

by Laura Schaefer • illustrated by Sujean Rim

Three old friends unite to save their favorite tea shop from going under. *Simon & Schuster, 2008*

Three Rivers Rising

by Jame Richard

This sweeping romance is set in the days leading up to the 1889 Johnstown flood. *Knopf, 2010*

The True Meaning of Smekday

by Adam Rex

A girl and a renegade alien named Jennifer Lopez travel across the country in this hilarious adventure. *Hyperion, 2007*

Trapped

by Michael Northrop

A bunch of teens get trapped in their school during a blizzard that won't end. *Scholastic, 2011*

Under the Baseball Moon

by John H. Ritter

Andy (a trumpet player) and Gloria (a softball whiz) find a unique way to inspire each other in this funky book. *Philomel, 2006*

When You Reach Me

by Rebecca Stead

A bunch of mysterious letters turns a New York City family's world upside down. *Wendy Lamb, 2009*

What I Saw and How I Lied

by Judy Blundell

Family secrets abound in this vintage mystery set in the 1940's. *Scholastic, 2008*

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